

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Edited Paragraphs:

Page 1, paragraph 2 (Amended). Effervescent preparations such as, for example, effervescent powders or effervescent tablets are a formulation form, for example for active substances with a long absorption time or with a tendency to irritate the gastric mucosa, which is able to mitigate the disadvantageous properties mentioned for the active substances. Medicament-containing effervescent preparations therefore enjoy increasing popularity. They are normally produced in 3 to 4 stages, namely by

- a) granulating the effervescent composition consisting of a CO₂ donor and a CO₂-releasing acidic component,
- b) mixing the other components (active substances and other ancillary substances),
- c) combining the components obtained from process steps a) and b) and, where appropriate,
- d) tableting the mixture obtained in step c).

Page 2, paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 (Amended). The invention thus relates to a process for producing medicament-containing effervescent preparations [consisting of] comprising

A. an effervescent composition containing

- (i) a CO₂ donor and
- (ii) an acidic component,

B. a pharmaceutical active substance, and

C. an ancillary substance,

[characterized in that] wherein

at least one of the two components A(i), A(ii) and, where appropriate, other effervescent preparation components are dispersed in molten C[)] sugar and/or sugar alcohol and/or sugar substitute, and the resulting mixture is tabletted where appropriate.

Page 3, first full paragraph (Amended). Suitable pharmaceutical active substances [C] B comprise: analgesics, such as ibuprofen, ketoprofen, paracetamol, acetylsalicylic acid, [COX₂] Cox - 2 inhibitors, such as nimesulide, meloxicam, naproxen, propyphenazone, and metamizole[,]; antacids, such as hydrotalcite, magaldrate, and calcium carbonate[,]; antiasthmatics/bronchospasmolytics, such as salbutamol, tulobuterol, terbutaline, cromoglicic acid, ketotifen, and theophylline[,]; antibiotics, such as quinolones, tetracyclines, cephalosporins, penicillins, macrolides, sulfonamides, and polypeptides[,]; physcopharmaceuticals, such as benzodiazepines, haloperidol, amitryptiline, and carbamazepine[,]; antirheumatics, such as phenylbutazone, indometacin, diclofenac, and piroxicam[,]; antidiabetics, such as metformin, glibenclamide, acarbose, and glisoxepide[,]; antiallergics/antihistamines, such as astemizole, terfenadine, loratadine, clemastine, bamipine, and cetirizine[,]; antihypotensives, such as etilefrine, norfenefrine, and dihydroergotamine mesilate[,]; antitussives, such as codeine, dextromethorphan, clobutinol, and dropropizine[,]; anhypertensives, such as beta blockers, such as propranolol, atenolol, metoprolol, and prazosin[,]; antihypertensives, such as calcium channel blockers, such as nifedipine, nitrendipine, diltiazem, verapamil, felodipine, and nimodipine[,]; laxatives, such as sodium picosulphate, lactulose, and lactitol[,];

mucolytics/expectorants, such as ambroxol, bromhexine, guaifenesin, acetylcysteine, carbocisteine, and H2 blockers, such as ranitidine, famotidine, and pirenzepine[,]; local anaesthetics, such as benzocaine, lidocaine, and procaine[,]; antiemetics/prokinetics, such as metoclopramide, domperidone, meclozine, and dimenhydrinate[,]; lipid lowering agents[,] such as fenofibrate, bezafibrate, pravastatin, and fluvastatin[,]; agents effective for migraine, such as caffeine, dihydroergotamine, ergotamine, sumatriptan, and pizotifen[,]; sympathomimetics such as pseudoephedrine, and pholedrine[,]; vitamins; and minerals.

Page 6, first full paragraph (Amended). Thus the invention also relates to effervescent preparations consisting of:

A. an effervescent composition containing:

(i) a CO₂ donor and

(ii) an acidic component,

B. a pharmaceutical active substance, and

C. an ancillary substance,

[characterized in that] wherein ancillary substance C contains a fusible sugar and/or a sugar alcohol and/or a sugar substitute, and component A(i) and/or A(ii) is dispersed in a matrix of the fusible sugar and/or the sugar alcohol and/or the sugar substitute.

Re-typed Paragraphs:

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 - (ii) an acidic component,
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wherein at least one of the two components A(i), A(ii) and, where appropriate, other effervescent preparation components are dispersed in molten C sugar and/or sugar alcohol and/or sugar substitute, and the resulting mixture is tabletted where appropriate.

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comprise: analgesics, such as ibuprofen, ketoprofen, paracetamol, acetylsalicylic acid, Cox – 2 inhibitors, such as nimesulide, meloxicam, naproxen, propyphenazone, and metamizole; antacids, such as hydrotalcite, magaldrate, and calcium carbonate; antiasthmatics/bronchospasmolytics, such as salbutamol, tulobuterol, terbutaline, cromoglicic acid, ketotifen, and theophylline; antibiotics, such as quinolones, tetracyclines, cephalosporins, penicillins, macrolides, sulfonamides, and polypeptides; psychopharmaceuticals, such as benzodiazepines, haloperidol, amitriptyline, and carbamazepine; antirheumatics, such as phenylbutazone, indometacin, diclofenac, and piroxicam; antidiabetics, such as metformin, glibenclamide, acarbose, and glisoxepide; antiallergics/antihistamines, such as astemizole, terfenadine, loratadine, clemastine, bamipine, and cetirizine; antihypotensives, such as etilefrine, norfenefrine, and dihydroergotamine mesilate; antitussives, such as codeine, dextromethorphan, clobutinol, and dropropizine; antihypertensives, such as beta blockers, such as propranolol, atenolol, metoprolol, and prazosin; antihypertensives, such as calcium channel blockers, such as nifedipine, nitrendipine, diltiazem, verapamil, felodipine, and nimodipine; laxatives, such as sodium picosulphate, lactulose, and lactitol; mucolytics/expectorants, such as ambroxol, bromhexine, guaifenesin, acetylcysteine, carbocisteine, and H2 blockers, such as ranitidine, famotidene, and pirenzepine; local anaesthetics, such as benzocaine,

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wherein ancillary substance C contains a fusible sugar and/or a sugar alcohol and/or a sugar substitute, and component A(i) and/or A(ii) is dispersed in a matrix of the fusible sugar and/or the sugar alcohol and/or the sugar substitute.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-7 and insert therefor the following new claims.

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composition
8 (New). A stabilized medicament comprising:

(A) an effervescent system comprising: